

## § 24.5

of appeals of final administrative determinations of the Corporation pertaining to standard reinsurance agreements under 7 CFR 400.169(d). Decisions of the Board shall be final within the Corporation and the Department.

(c) *Suspension and debarment.* (1) The Board shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine the issue of suspension or debarment, and the period thereof, on an appeal by a person suspended or debarred by:

(i) An authorized official of the Department of Agriculture under 48 CFR 409.470; or

(ii) An authorized official of the Commodity Credit Corporation under 7 CFR part 1407.

(2) In addition, the Board shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine the issue of debarment, and the period thereof, on an appeal by a timber purchaser debarred by an authorized official of the Forest Service under 36 CFR 223.138.

(3) Decisions of the Board shall be final within the Department.

(d) *Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.* The Board shall have jurisdiction to act for the head of the agency in appeals of the administrative determinations of liquidated damages under the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333), 40 U.S.C. 330.

## § 24.5 Time for filing notice of appeal.

A notice of appeal under § 24.4(a), (c)(1)(i), or (c)(1)(ii) shall be filed within 90 days from the date of receipt of a contracting officer's or suspending or debarring official's decision. A notice of appeal under § 24.4(b) shall be filed within 90 days from the date of receipt of the Corporation's final determination. A notice of appeal under § 24.4(c)(2) shall be filed within 30 days from the date of receipt of the debarring official's decision. A notice of appeal under § 24.4(d) shall be filed within 60 days from the date of withholding of liquidated damages. The time for filing a notice of appeal shall not be extended by the Board.

## § 24.6 Board location and address.

The Board of Contract Appeals is located in Washington, DC. All correspondence and all documents to be

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filed with the Board should be addressed to the Board of Contract Appeals, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250-0600. The Board's telephone number is 202-720-7023; the Board's facsimile number is 202-720-3059.

## § 24.7 Public information.

(a) The records of the Board are open to the public for inspection and copying at the Office of the Board. Decisions and rulings of the Board shall be published from time to time and copies made available to the public upon request at cost of duplication except that the Board shall, in its discretion, have authority to make copies of decisions and rulings available at no charge in accordance with Department policy, appendix A to 7 CFR part 1, subpart A. Hearings before the Board shall be open to the public.

(b) Information that is to be made available for public inspection and copying under provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2) and 7 CFR 1.5 may be obtained at the office of the Board. The address of the Board is set forth in § 24.6. Except for such information as is generally available to the public, requests should be in writing and submitted in accordance with 7 CFR 1.6 and paragraphs (c) and (d) of this § 24.7.

(c) Facilities for copying are available at the office of the Board.

(d) Facilities for inspection and copying are available during established office hours for the Board, usually 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Department of Agriculture has established a schedule of fees for copies of information. The Board charges for copies of records in accordance with the Department fee schedule, appendix A to 7 CFR part 1, subpart A.

(e) The Vice Chair is authorized to receive requests for records submitted in accordance with 7 CFR 1.6(a), and to make determinations regarding whether to grant or deny requests for records exempt from mandatory disclosure under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552(b). This official is authorized to

(1) Extend the ten-day administrative deadline for reply pursuant to 7 CFR 1.14,